

# CARLSBAD *Currents*

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*Welcome* to Carlsbad Currents, an at-a-glance resource for the latest city news, issues and events. Want more information? Visit the City of Carlsbad Web site at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

## Spring cleaning tips

**The City of Carlsbad makes it easy for residents to get rid of unwanted items, the right way.**

### Got a lot of trash?

The city contracts with Waste Management to provide trash service for residents and businesses. Residents may put out 10, 30-gallon trash cans a week (40 lb max each). Residents who need to dispose of larger amounts of trash can rent a dumpster through Waste Management by visiting [www.dumpster.com](http://www.dumpster.com).



### Put hazardous waste in its place

Products labeled caution, warning, danger, poison, toxic, flammable or corrosive should not be thrown in the trash. This includes items such as household cleaners, paint, batteries, pool chemicals and automobile fluids.

Residents can properly dispose of their household hazardous waste items for free at two city-approved facilities (see box for details) or use the "door to door" service and have it collected at your front door for a \$10 fee. Call 800-444-4244 to schedule an appointment.

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## Household hazardous waste drop-off locations



2880 Industry St, Oceanside  
Hours: Alternating Saturdays  
(by appointment only)  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
760-929-9400

1145 East Taylor St, Vista  
Hours: Saturdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
800-444-4244

### E-waste

What should you do with old computers, televisions, stereos, fax machines and other electronic items at the end of their "useful life?" Many of these products can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Carlsbad residents can help reduce e-waste by dropping it at the household hazardous waste facilities or by using the "door to door" service. Call 800-444-4244 to schedule an appointment.

# Ask the City of Carlsbad



## The city answers questions from residents.

### How much more will Carlsbad grow?

*With a current population of about 105,000, Carlsbad is approaching its maximum expected population of about 130,000 to 135,000 people. In 1986, Carlsbad residents passed the city's Growth Management Plan, which limited the amount of growth allowed in Carlsbad and put specific conditions on how it could occur. The plan has ensured that the city's infrastructure grows with development; growth may only occur when adequate public facilities and improvements, such as streets, parks and libraries, are also provided, with development paying its own way. Even after all the development has occurred, more than a third of Carlsbad's total area will be maintained as natural open space. That's equivalent to eight times the size of San Diego's Balboa Park.*



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## Tamarack beach parking fees

In February, California State Parks began charging for parking at Tamarack beach, using a machine that takes cash, credit cards and debit cards, and issues a receipt to be displayed on vehicle dashboards. Although the City of Carlsbad was not able to stop the state from charging for parking, it did delay the start of paid parking nearly two years and convince the state to offer hourly rates instead of the usual flat day rate.

**Parking fees are \$2 an hour or \$10 a day.** Parking is included in the annual State Parks pass, which costs \$125 and can be purchased online at <http://store.parks.ca.gov/>. Vehicles not properly displaying a current pass or receipt will be issued a citation by state officials and fined \$64.

Residents with questions or concerns about the paid parking should contact the California State Parks Department at 760-720-7001.



# Fun & Free events

Carlsbad offers many fun and interesting events for the community. Here's a sample of what's happening in May—for a complete, searchable calendar of events and meetings, visit the city's Web site at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

## Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carlsbad Beach Fest

Tamarack/Frazee State Beach at Pine Avenue  
[www.carlsbadbeachfest.com](http://www.carlsbadbeachfest.com)

Beach clean-up, children's activities, music and fun for the entire family.

## Saturday, May 1, 5 p.m. Opening Reception: *Tesoros Mexicanos- Mexican Treasures From Two Folk Art Collections*

Cannon Art Gallery  
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
760-602-2021

The nature of Mexican popular arts is explored through the eyes of collectors Tom and Alma Pirazzini and Lawrence Kent.

## Sunday, May 2, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carlsbad Village Street Faire

Downtown Carlsbad  
760-434-2843

A non-profit street faire hosted by the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce featuring more than 700 vendors, international food, kids' rides and live music.

## Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. Wild West Fest

Leo Carrillo Ranch and Historic Park  
760-434-2843

It's a re-creation of the "wild west" when cowboys ruled at the historic Leo Carrillo Ranch. Families can enjoy food, shopping and activities for all ages.

## Saturday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family Open Studios

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
760-602-2021

Free art-making workshops designed for the entire family's participation.



## Make way for emergency vehicles

In an emergency, just a few minutes can make the difference between life and death. If a police or fire vehicle is moving and using a siren or flashing lights, drivers must yield the right-of-way. Pull over to the right edge of the road and stop until the emergency vehicles have passed. However, never stop in an intersection—continue through the intersection and then drive to the right and stop. If you are at a red light or in a turn lane, move to the right when it is safe.

## Construction update

**Southbound Carlsbad Boulevard** is closed between Palomar Airport Road and Island Way during the Encinas Creek Bridge replacement project, which is expected to be completed in late May. Look for detour signs directing traffic to Avenida Encinas. Northbound traffic is not affected.

For up to date construction information visit the city's Web site and click on the "Construction Update" link on the home page.



# Spring gardening water tips

**Spring is the optimal time to prepare for summer's dry weather and for long-term outdoor water savings. Despite the high rainfall this winter, water supply challenges continue.**

More than half of the region's water is used to irrigate landscaping. Follow these tips to significantly reduce water use in the garden:

- Select drought tolerant plants and replace water thirsty grass. Visit [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com) for a list of Nifty 50 plants.
- Apply a two to three inch layer of mulch to hold moisture in the soil.
- Set sprinkler timers to the minimal time needed to sustain plants. Use the landscape calculator at [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) for watering advice.



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### How to get rid of big stuff

Dispose of large, unwanted items, like old furniture, toilets, appliances, sinks and water heaters, during one of four free bulky item collection events. The next bulky item pick-up day is June 26. Reservations,

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which are required, may be made June 7-14 by calling 760-929-9400 or online at <http://northcounty.wm.com/bulkypickup1.asp>. For a fee, residents may schedule their own bulky item pick-up day by calling 760-929-9400. The cost is \$35 for the first item and \$5 for each additional item.

## What's the **phone number** for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Non-emergency Police	760-931-2197
Trash service/dump information	760-929-9400
Storm water problems hotline	760-602-2799
Street/street light repairs	760-434-2980
Animal Control	760-438-2312
Village farmers' market information	760-434-2553
Post office	800-275-8777



For a complete list of commonly requested phone numbers, click on "Carlsbad A-Z" on the city's home page, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov). Not sure who to call? You can always call City Hall during regular business hours, and we'll get you to the right place.